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AND USEUCOM FROM SECSTATE DATED 28 JUL 73 REPEATED YOU:

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SUBJECT: NPG STAFF GROUP MEETING, JULY 30, 1973

1. US ACCEPTS NPG (STAFF GROUP) WP(73)8 (REVISED) AS
WRITTEN.
2. WE ASSUME CANADIAN COMMENTS REPORTED PARA 2, REF A,
WERE BASED ON DISCUSSION IN DPC PURSUANT TO INSTRUCTIONS
IN LAST SENTENCE PARA 4, REF B. MISSION REPRESENTATIVE
SHOULD CLARIFY TO THE NPG STAFF GROUP THAT THE INTENT
OF THE US COMMENT IN THE DPC WAS ONLY TO ASSURE THAT
THE EFFORTS OF THE PHASE II STUDY TEAM WOULD NOT BE
DUPLICATED OR OVERLOOKED. STATEMENT WAS NOT MEANT TO
PRECLUDE CONSIDERATION OF TACTICAL NUCLEAR DOCTRINE IN
NPG FORA OTHER THAN PHASE II STUDY GROUP.
3. COPIES OF MAJOR GENERAL GILLER'S UNCLASSIFIED TESTI-
MONY TO THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON ATOMIC ENERGY CONCERNING
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THE MILITARY APPLICATIONS OF NUCLEAR TECHNOLOGY WERE

POUCHED TO YOU ON JULY 20. IN REPLY TO INQUIRIES ON GILLER'S TESTIMONY, MISSION SHOULD SAY QUOTE ALTHOUGH THE NEWSPAPER ARTICLES ABOUT GILLER'S TESTIMONY ARE ESSENTIALLY ACCURATE, ONE MIGHT INCORRECTLY CONCLUDE THAT DECISIONS HAVE BEEN MADE CONCERNING DEVELOPMENT AND DEPLOYMENT OF NEW WEAPONS SYSTEMS. THE STATEMENT PROVIDED TO YOU AT THE MINISTERIAL MEETING OF THE

NUCLEAR PLANNING GROUP IS STILL VALID: THE IMPROVEMENTS DO NOT REPRESENT TOTALLY NEW TECHNOLOGY; NO DECISION HAS BEEN MADE TO DEVELOP OR DEPLOY A NEW FAMILY OF WEAPONS; WE ARE STUDYING NEW CONCEPTS AND TECHNOLOGIES; BECAUSE OF THE STRATEGY AND POLITICAL IMPLICATIONS, WE WILL CONSULT WITH OUR ALLIES BEFORE MAKING A DECISION CONCERNING A MAJOR DEPLOYMENT OF A NEW WEAPONS SYSTEM. END QUOTE.

4. FYI: THE PRECEDING, AS WELL AS THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS, WERE MADE TO MINISTER LEBER ON THIS SUBJECT DURING HIS VISIT IN WASHINGTON JULY 17-18: QUOTE: I AM AWARE OF THE GERMAN GOVERNMENT'S SENSITIVITY CONCERNING ANY PUBLIC DISCUSSION OF ADM'S; HOWEVER, DEFENSE WAS NOT AWARE THAT THE TRANSCRIPT OF THE TESTIMONY WOULD BE RELEASED TO THE PUBLIC DOMAIN. I REGRET THIS RELEASE. FINALLY, IN THIS REGARD, LET ME ASSURE YOU THAT THE MANNER IN WHICH THIS SUBJECT CAME TO THE ATTENTION OF THE PUBLIC WAS NOT THE RESULT OF AN ORCHESTRATED EFFORT BY THE UNITED STATES TO INFLUENCE OR PRESSURE GERMAN CONSIDERATION OF THIS VERY SENSITIVE QUESTION. END QUOTE. WE SUGGEST THAT YOU AVOID DISCUSSION WITH THE OTHER ALLIES CONCERNING GERMAN SENSITIVITIES ABOUT ADM'S, BUT WE LEAVE FINAL DECISION ON THIS MATTER TO MISSION JUDGMENT. END FYI. ROGERS UNQUOTE ROGERS

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